

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A non-apertured laminate web comprising:

- (a) a first non-apertured prebonded web;
- (b) a second non-apertured prebonded web joined to said first prebonded web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites each having an aspect ratio of greater than about 3, the first and second prebonded webs forming an interior region therebetween; and
- (c) a third material being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said third material being apertured in regions adjacent said discrete bond sites, such that said first and second prebonded webs are joined through said apertures, wherein said laminate web has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, thickness, and density.

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): An apertured laminate web comprising:

- (a) a first ~~prebonded~~ web;
- (b) a second ~~prebonded~~ web joined to said first ~~prebonded~~ web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites ~~each having a longitudinal axis and an aspect ratio greater than about 3~~, the first and second ~~prebonded~~ webs forming an interior region therebetween; and
- (c) a third non-thermoplastic material being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second ~~prebonded~~ webs, said third material being apertured in regions adjacent said discrete bond sites, such that said first and second ~~prebonded~~ webs are joined through said apertures;

wherein said first and second ~~prebonded~~ webs of said laminate web are apertured at said discrete bond sites ~~by extending said laminate web in a direction orthogonal to said longitudinal axis of said discrete bond site,~~
wherein said apertured laminate web has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, thickness, and density.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The laminate web of Claim 21 wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The laminate web of Claim 24 wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The laminate web of Claim 21 wherein said aspect ratio is from about 4 to about 20.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The laminate web of Claim 26 wherein said aspect ratio is about 10.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The apertured laminate web of Claim 23 wherein said first or second ~~prebonded~~ web comprises a nonwoven.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The apertured laminate web of Claim 28 wherein said first and second ~~prebonded~~ webs are identical.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apertured laminate web of Claim 23 wherein said plurality of discrete bond sites have an aspect ratio is of from about 4 to about 20.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apertured laminate web of Claim 30 wherein said aspect ratio is about 10.

Claim 32 (new): The apertured laminate web of Claim 23 wherein said first and second webs are prebonded.

Claim 33 (new): The apertured laminate web of Claim 23 wherein said plurality of discrete bond sites have a longitudinal axis and an aspect ratio greater than about 3.

Claim 34 (new): The apertured laminate web of Claim 33 wherein said web has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, thickness, density, and combinations thereof.

Claim 35 (new): A laminate web comprising:

- (a) a first web;
 - (b) a second web joined to said first web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites, the first and second webs forming an interior region therebetween; and
 - (c) a third non-thermoplastic material being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second webs, said third material being apertured in regions adjacent said discrete bond sites, such that said first and second webs are joined through said apertures;
- wherein said first and second webs of said laminate web are apertured at said discrete bond sites.

Claim 36 (new): The laminate web of Claim 35 wherein said first and second webs are prebonded.

Claim 37 (new): The laminate web of Claim 35 wherein said plurality of discrete bond sites have a longitudinal axis and an aspect ratio greater than about 3.

Claim 38 (new): The laminate web of Claim 37 wherein said web has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, thickness, density, and combinations thereof.

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Claim 39 (new): The laminate web of Claim 21 wherein said distinct region is differentiated by either fiber orientation and/or thickness.

Claim 40 (new): The laminate web of Claim 21 wherein said third material is a non-thermoplastic material.